

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 and 5-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-3 have been amended and new claims 5-22 have been added.

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data. No new matter has been added.

Claims 2-3 were objected to as being in improper dependant form. These claims have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled. Thus, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC §101 and §112. Claims 1-4 were also rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5580957 (*Hoeger*). Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner has misinterpreted the claims. The invention is a method for use of a pharmacological agent to diagnose obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and to determine the severity of the OCD in a patient diagnosed with OCD. It is not a method of manufacturing a pharmacological agent. Applicant has amended his claims to make clear the invention. *Hoeger* does not teach or suggest a method of diagnosing OCD or a method of determining the severity of OCD. Accordingly, claims 2-3 and 5-22 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM

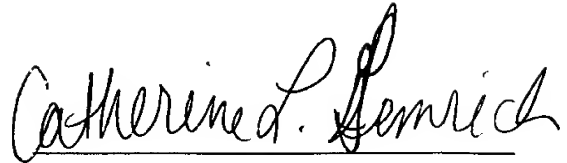
Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term which expired on December 15, 2003, for three months, to March 15, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$475 to cover the cost of the extension.

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